

Alice MacDonald House
1305 9th Street
First Ward Neighborhood
Altoona
Blair County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 1305 9th Street

Date of Erection: 1896

Description: This two-and-a-half-story house, measuring 25'-6" x 45'-6", has a steep, hipped roof, covered with slate. There are also hipped dormers, and a roof that extends to cover the second-story oriel. The wood-frame structure has a brick veneer. There is a one-story porch across the front. The windows are segmentally arched.

History: After the death of her husband Albert in 1895, Alice MacDonald continued to live in their house at 1307-09 9th St. (formerly 903 Lexington Ave.). But she bought this adjoining lot and built this house (then No. 1317) as rental property. In 1900 William F. Sellers, a partner in the jewelry firm, lived here briefly with his wife and baby.

Sources: Maps: 1894, 1909. City directories. Tax assessment records. Deed books: 53/499, 123/156, 130/449, 130/447, 553/262. U.S. Census, 1900.

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